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I-15 CORE Crews to Restrict Lane in American Fork for Two Weeks Starting as Early as April 11

Full I-15 Closure in Spanish Fork; Ramp Closures in Orem and Spanish Fork

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LEHI, Utah (April 11, 2011) — For the week of April 11, UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) is scheduled to begin a two-week lane restriction on southbound Interstate 15 in American Fork. In addition, crews are scheduled to close both directions of I-15 in Spanish Fork and conduct intermittent ramp closure for interchange work in Orem and Spanish Fork. The following is a brief description of significant upcoming construction activities, weather permitting, on I-15 CORE:

Southbound I-15, American Fork 500 East to Lindon 200 South

Southbound I-15 will have one lane closed between American Fork 500 East and Lindon 200 South starting Monday, April 11. This restriction will remain in effect 24 hours a day for up to two weeks for paving operations. One lane on northbound I-15 is also scheduled to be restricted as early as Sunday, April 17, for up to two weeks in the same area. Motorists should anticipate moderate to heavy delays during the morning and evening commute and plan extra travel time.

I-15, Spanish Fork

I-15 is scheduled to close both directions between Main Street and U.S. 6 in Spanish Fork on Tuesday, April 12, at 10 p.m. until Wednesday, April 13, at 5:30 a.m. Crews will be pouring the deck on the new U.S. 6 bridge over I-15 in Spanish Fork. The ramp from U.S. 6 to southbound I-15 will also be closed, but the ramp from U.S. 6 to northbound I-15 will remain open. This work is highly weather dependent and could change.

University Parkway, Northbound Off-ramp

The off-ramp from northbound I-15 to University Parkway is scheduled to be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday, April 16, through Monday, April 18, at 5:30 a.m. Crews will be reconstructing the ramp to its new configuration. In addition, the off-ramp from southbound I-15 to University Parkway will be reduced to one lane and University Parkway from Geneva Road to just east of the interchange will also be reduced to one lane during this work. Motorists can use the Orem Center Street interchange as an alternate route. Other nightly ramp closures in Orem at 1600 North are planned for this week as well.

Provo Center Street at I-15

Crews reopened Center Street earlier than scheduled on Sunday afternoon. Crews have successfully placed both spans of the new southbound I-15 bridge over Center Street in Provo, UDOT's 24th and 25th bridge moves. These were the final bridges that will be moved into place on the project. There are 63 total bridges that will be new, replaced or modified on the project, with six of those having been constructed off-site and moved into place with self propelled modular transporters.

Southbound I-15 to U.S. Highway 6 Ramp

On the nights of April 13-19, the ramp from southbound I-15 to U.S. 6 is scheduled to be closed while crews remove median barrier from the ramp. Motorists should exit southbound I-15 at Spanish Fork Main Street then proceed to U.S. 6 via the northbound connector ramp between Spanish Fork Main and eastbound U.S. 6 during the closures. Crews expect to shift all lanes of traffic to the north side of U.S. 6 toward the end of April. Also please note nighttime closures of ramps at Springville S.R. 77 and Northbound NB I-15 to Eastbound US 6 are planned for this weekend.

Drivers are encouraged to check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information. Stay informed by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on facebook.com/i15core and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting "i15" to 53535.

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